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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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First Inventor: Suzan Hardy  
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## Application Elements:

1. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
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2. ☒ Specification Total Pages: 13
3. ☒ Drawings Total Sheets: 3
4. Oath or Declaration Total Pages: 3
  - a. ☒ Newly executed.
  - b. ☐ Copy from prior application  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
5. ☒ Appointment of Associate Agent Total Pages: 1
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet.

## Accompanying Application Parts

7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
9. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

11. ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	355.
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1)** (\$) 355.00**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims		-20** =		
Independent Claims		-3** =		
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2)** (\$)

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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